




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX :Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City Project for collaboration and community outreach on an MRCA pilot interpretive program for the communities of North East Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to the City Project for collaboration and community outreach on an MRCA pilot interpretive program for the communities of North East Los Angeles.

Background: The MRCA received an anonymous donation for the development and implementation of interpretive programs focusing on the Los Angeles River and it's watershed for children living in the communities of North East Los Angeles. This grant to the City Project, which would fund efforts of both the City Project and the Anahuak

Youth Association, is for assistance with community outreach and collaboration on the development and implementation of the program beyond its pilot stage. The program, which includes a junior ranger program, family trips to the mountains, overnight camping and monthly campfires along the river, has already served over 300 children. This success is due to a partnership with the City Project and Anahuak. Staff believes that this program will serve as a replicable model for other agencies and community groups to diversify access to and support for beaches, mountains, parks, rivers, and open space.